

SERC Business Meeting

July 5, 2011, 1:00 PM

I. Call to Order, Introduction of Members

Call to Order – 1:09 PM, Dick Christensen, Chair

The open meeting Statute is available for review.

Member		Affiliation	Present
John	Baroni	County Elected Official	
Al	Berndt	NE Emergency Management	
Richard	Christensen	Chairman, Chemical Industry	x
Steven	Danon	Small Business	
Keith	Deiml	Education	x
Don	Eisenhauer	Agribusiness	
John	Falgione	State Fire Marshal	x
Joe	Francis	Department of Environmental Quality	x
Gary	Gandara	Labor	
Keith	Hansen	Community Health	x
Tim	Hofbauer	Local Emergency Management	x
Larry	Johnson	Trucking Association	x
Judd	Lyons	ARNG	
Mark	Lohnes	NDEQ SARA Title III	x
(empty)		City Government	
Mark	Maday	Rail Transportation	x
Dana	Miller	Vice Chair, Fire (Video Conference)	x
Tonya	Ngotel	SERC Coordinator	x
Kimberly	Plouzek	Environmental Protection	x
Tom	Sands	Department of Roads	x
Thomas	Schwarten	State Patrol	x
Sue	Semerena	Health and Human Services	

Other attendees: Randy Schademan EPA Region 7; Terri Blunk EPA Region 7 Via Video Conference ; Janell Walther, Public Policy Center; Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center; Gene Sidak, Metro Utilities District, [Douglas County LEPC Chair](#);

II. Approval of Agenda for 7/5/11

Tim Hofbauer made a motion to approve the agenda for the July 5, 2011 meeting. Larry Johnson seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

III. Approval of minutes for 4/5/11 meeting

Lt. Col. Tom Schwarten made a motion to approve the April 5, 2011 meeting minutes [\(with the addition of the approved membership list\)](#). Tom Sands seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

IV. New Business

No new business was conducted at the July 5th meeting of the SERC.

V. Old Business

a. LEPC membership approval – Dick Christensen

It was noted by members of the SERC that several applications were still on the older form, all LEPCs should be using the correct application forms. Larry Johnson made a motion to approve all LEPC applications (see attached list of LEPC applications). John Falgione seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

b. SERC Membership Committee

Status Report – Tonya Ngotel

Currently, there are two openings on membership. The City Official seat is still vacant, applicants should preferably reside outside of Lincoln or Omaha. There is another opening in rail transportation. Mark Maday is visiting from Union Pacific today and has applied to fill the rail transportation position. Mr. Maday responds to hazmat releases and potential releases with Union Pacific. He has a lot of LEPC interaction experience.

c. SERC Subcommittee Report

LEPC Conference – Tonya Ngotel

The Regional Conference will be held July 28-30 in La Vista, NE. The conference will serve Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Participation of the SERC members is encouraged, specifically at the State hosted BBQ dinner on Friday Night at the Strategic Air & Space Museum and the Awards Luncheon on Saturday at noon. There will be a State breakout session, Mark Lohnes and Terri Blunk will run this meeting but, again, participation is suggested.

Public outreach/LEPC Support – Mark DeKraai, Tonya Ngotel

As a follow up from the April retreat, the Public Policy Center prepared a work plan. SERC members were asked to review and consider the items listed and be prepared at the next meeting to assign tasks. Members should review the work plan and decide where they would like to help. One key idea was to create toolkits for the LEPCs. Discussion was held concerning the distribution of HMEP money to LEPCs; LEPCs will now require an application and reimbursement process, similar to the federal level. This change will be discussed at the LEPC conference and an on-line webinar is being developed for those interested parties.

LEPC Function – Dick Christensen

SERC continues to work on keeping an up to date contact list of LEPC Members, including names and email addresses. The updated list is expected to be completed by the end of July 2011.

LEPCs have varying methods of approving and submitting information for membership. The number of members per LEPC varies by area and interest.

Janell Walther has continued to make changes to the Facility brochure. Dana Miller will submit some Scottsbluff, Nebraska photos for the brochure. The revised brochure will be sent to the committee prior to the next meeting.

VI. Report from NEMA – Tonya Ngotel

Tonya provided maps indicating which counties were affected by flooding in different levels. There has been flooding on the Platte as well as the Missouri Rivers. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been up since May 23 and fully staffed with NEMA personnel and partnering with other representatives including the Nebraska State Patrol. There is a 1-800 hotline supported by the National Guard where citizens can call for assistance and inquiries. This year, people are required to call the 1-800 number to request the disaster declaration. They have called in all staff including the federal staff (i.e. the EPA et al). For each incident, NIMS compliance has been high. Approximately, 500 homes are affected. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality provided a report back to the EOC. They are trying to anticipate the future needs in Nebraska including the needs for Tier II facilities.

VII. NDEQ/EPA Report

EPA Region 7- Terri Blunk

EPA Region 7 is assisting in preparations for the LEPC Conference. No Nebraska facilities that are late in reporting are in the risk management data base. Region 7 will begin looking at the inspection targeting list for the next fiscal year. With the flooding, Region 7 EPA is watching for chemicals spreading through the area such as pesticides. Region 7 EPA presented a full written report (attached).

NDEQ- Randy Schademan

Because of the flooding, areas cannot pump sewage as quickly as desired. There will be much debris that comes with the flood waters. They are looking for orphan containers floating down the river. NDEQ will continue to prepare for the debris and results of flooding.

VIII. Public Forum/Presentations

Gene Sidak, Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD), Douglas County LEPC

MUD provides natural gas and water to Omaha and surrounding areas. They serve approximately 550,000 people with 200,000 services. They have about 900 employees and service approximately 225 square miles. There are 2700 miles of pipe in the area; the water at the peak day pumps 223 mg (1988). They have three plants that serve the area: Florence WTP, Platte West WTP, and Platte River WTP. Chlorine is used for water treatment. They started a preventative process of sandbagging even though the river is anticipated to max out below the walls. The main concern is the pump station. The next Douglas Co LEPC meeting is first Wednesday in August. There is a legislative struggle about whether the water industry should be compliant with CFATS; they are not currently under CFATs. Gas Facilities do have to comply with CFATS.

IX. Next meeting: The next meeting of the SERC will be held at the NET on October 4, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

X. Adjourn

Kim Plouzek made a motion to adjourn. Lt. Col. Tom Schwarten seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

LEPC Member Applications

Approved July 5, 2011

LEPC Applicant Name	Represent	Occupation	County
Daniel Hamilton	Air force	Bioenvironmental Engineer	Sarpy
Gerald Hinrichs	Retired	EMA	York
Adam Miller		Citizen	York
Kenneth Morris	Pipeline	Public Awareness	Adams
William Opocensky	Civil Air Patrol	Patient Coordinator	Douglas
Lance Rogers	State Patrol	Trooper	Region 22
Everette Langford	Sheriff	Sheriff	Region 23
Jake Stewart	County Commission	Commissioner	Region 23
Misty Skavdahl	EMS	EMT	Region 23
James Krotz	County Commission	Commissioner	Region 23
Tony Serbousek	911 Communications	911	Region 23
Sandy McCarthy	County Commission	Commissioner	Region 23
Dan Stevenson	EMA	Deputy Director	Region 23
Kevin Lotton	County Commission	Commissioner	Region 23
Nan Gould	EMA	EM Director	Region 23
Emily Knapp	Energy	Facility Manager	Lincoln
Kent Weems	Ag	Facility	Lincoln
Sharon Steele	EMS	EMT	Lincoln
John Davis	Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	Lincoln
Paul Pedersen	Fire	Fire Chief	Lincoln
Dan McGuire	City Government	City Council	Lincoln
Mike Sharkey	Aviation	Pilot	Lincoln
James Nitz	EMA	Director EMA	Lincoln
Bridget Gentry	Public Health	Emergency Response Coordinator	Lincoln
Jennifer Mack	Senior Care	Director Senior Center	Hamilton
Jason Fry	Fire	Fire Chief	Hamilton
Frank Collins	Fire	Fire Chief	Hamilton
Nancy Braswell	Public Health	Emergency Response Coordinator	Cass
John Baroni	County Board	Commissioner	Cass
Ronda Woolridge	Air force	EM	Cass
Mark Allison	Mining	Safety	Cass
Roger Buck	Pipeline	Safety	Cass
Lee Sauter	Mechanic	Citizen	Kimball
Mark Simpson	Police	Police	Kimball
Rick Wynne	Auto Body Repair	Citizen	Kimball
Gerald Robbins	Weed	Transportation	Kimball
Larry Engstrom	Elected Official	Elected Official	Kimball
Wayne Elliott	Fire	Fire	Kimball



EPA Report-Out

Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission Meeting



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Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)

Omaha Area Chosen for 2011 Region 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/ Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Conference

Scheduled for July 28-30, 2011 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in LaVista, NE the conference tracks include LEPC 101, Health and Medical, Industrial Facility Preparedness and Planning, Hazmat Response, and Chemical Transportation and Security Awareness. The following all-day training courses will also be provided on Thursday July 28: 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher, Hazmat IQ, DuPont Isotainer (hands on), Social Media and Local Emergency Management, and Survey of New Air Monitoring Technologies and Methods. Registration for the conference is \$50. Most of the Thursday training sessions cost \$25. To register or for further information please visit www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/.

Emergency Response and Removal Update

● For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit <http://www.epaosc.org>.

TRANSCAER Tour

This event provides responders with hands on training opportunities using rail, highway and farming transport equipment. The special emphasis this year is on the transportation of anhydrous ammonia. For more information contact Tonya Ngotel at tonya.ngotel@nebraska.gov or Darin Clark at clark3@inebraska.com. Register at www.transcaer.com. Events in Nebraska include: Broken Bow on July 6, Seward on July 9, and Hastings on July 16.

Local Government Reimbursements (LGR) – Hazardous Substance Claims

To make a claim to EPA for reimbursement of costs associated with a hazardous materials response, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/lgr>. If you have questions, call the EPA Helpline at 1-800-431-9209.

U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) – Oil Claims

To make a claim for costs or damages from an incident under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), use the two-page form found at the bottom of the NPFC Claimant's Guide, which can be found at <http://www.uscg.mil/npfc/urg/>.

Clean Air Act (CAA) 112(r) - Risk Management Program

- If you have concerns about any Risk Management Program facility or know of one that has closed, contact Terri Blunk at 913-551-7013 or blunk.terri@epa.gov.
- If you know of any facility in Nebraska that needs compliance assistance with their Risk Management Program or Risk Management Plan (RMP), please contact EPA Region 7's Nebraska compliance assistance expert, George Moody, at 913-551-7806 or moody.george@epa.gov.
- If you want access to the RMPInfo website (with/without offsite consequence data), e-mail your name, title, agency/company name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Terri.

Webinars offered on new RMP*eSubmit

Information about webinars on the new RMP reporting process, RMP*eSubmit, is posted at

http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/rmp/rmp_esubmit.htm. No webinar is currently scheduled but the presentation slides can be viewed at the website above. To request a webinar be scheduled please contact Terri Blunk.

Misc.

EPA Updates Web Tool Providing Clean Water Violation Trends and State Enforcement Response

EPA released an updated data and a mapping tool designed to help the public compare water quality trends over the last two years. The web-based, interactive map includes "state dashboards" that provide detailed information for each state, including information on facilities that are violating the Clean Water Act and the actions states are taking to enforce the law and protect people's health. The state dashboards incorporate data for both large and small sources of water pollution, along with the latest information from EPA's 2009 Annual Noncompliance Report. The public can examine and compare information on the inspections conducted by both EPA and the state in their region, violations and enforcement actions in their communities over the past two years and the penalties levied in response to violations. For more information on interactive state dashboard for Clean Water Act violations visit: <http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/ancr/us/>.